

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Richard L. Giroux, et al. §
Serial No.: 10/775,048 § Group Art Unit: 3672
Confirmation No.: 8979 § Examiner: Hoang C. Dang
Filed: February 9, 2004 §
For: METHODS AND § Customer No. 36735
APPARATUS FOR §
WELLBORE §
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 19, 2007

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one-month set to expire on August 19, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0359.P1/JCH, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.